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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1.   (Previously Presented) A software module stored on a machine readable medium for programming a graphical user interface, responsive to functionality information supplied by or retrieved from an application or applet, the software capable of modifying the graphical user interface when a new application or applet is launched, wherein modifying the graphical user interface further comprises adding new functionality of the new application or applet to the graphical user interface if the new functionality does not already exist in the graphical user interface;

   wherein the new application or applet is launched as a result of navigating to a web page.

2. through 6. (Canceled)

7.   (Previously Presented) A shared graphical user interface capable of control of a plurality of computer applications or applets, the shared graphical user interface being defined and redefined as different applications or applets are launched, by receiving information from the applets or from software designed to retrieve the functionality of the applications or applets, wherein redefining the shared graphical user interface further comprises adding new functionality of the applications or applets to the shared graphical user interface if the new functionality does not already exist in the graphical user interface;

   wherein the applications or applets are launched as a result of navigating to a web page.

8. through 11. (Canceled)

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12.   (Previously Presented) A computer system, comprising:

a central processing unit; and

a machine readable medium comprising machine readable instructions, which when read and executed by the central processing unit, cause the computer system to perform a method comprising:

defining a graphical user interface responsive to functionality of a first application loaded onto the computer system, and

redefining the graphical user interface responsive to functionality of second application loaded onto the computer so as to control both the first and the second applications with the graphical user interface, wherein redefining further comprises adding the functionality of the second application to the graphical user interface if the functionality of the second application does not already exist in the graphical user interface.

13.   (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 12, wherein defining the graphical user interface further comprises:

adding each function of the first application to the graphical user interface; and

registering each function of the application for notification by the graphical user interface when a user initiates a command calling for a registered function.

14.   (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 12, wherein defining the graphical user interface further comprises:

retrieving the functionality of the second application.

15.   (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 14, wherein redefining the graphical user interface further comprises:

comparing each function of the second application with functions of the defined graphical user interface.

16.   (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 15, wherein redefining the graphical user interface further comprises:

registering the function of the second application with the database for notification by the graphical user interface when a user initiates a command calling for the registered function if the function of the new application is already presenting the graphical user interface.

17.   (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 15, wherein redefining the graphical user interface further comprises:

adding the function of the second application to the graphical user interface if the function of the new application is not already present in the graphical user interface.

18.   (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 15, wherein redefining the graphical user interface comprises:

registering the function of the second application for notification by the graphical user interface when a command is initiated that calls for the registered function.

19.   (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 12, wherein the graphical user interface allows access to at least one electric appliance attached to the computer system.

20. (Cancelled)

21.   (Previously Presented) The software module of claim 1, wherein the new application or applet is launched as a result of opening the new application or applet.

22.   (Previously Presented) The software module of claim 1, wherein modifying the graphical user interface further comprises registering the new application or applet for the functionality when the functionality already exists in the graphical user interface.

23.   (Previously Presented) The software module of claim 22, wherein registering the new application or applet causes the application or applet to be notified when a command is initiated to execute the functionality.

24.   (Previously Presented) The software module of claim 1, wherein functionality of the application or applet and the new functionality of the new application or applet are controllable by the graphical user interface.

25.   (Previously Presented) The shared graphical user interface of claim 7, wherein redefining the shared graphical user interface further comprises:
        registering the applications or applets for the functionality when the functionality already exists in the shared graphical user interface.

26.   (Previously Presented) The shared graphical user interface of claim 7, wherein redefining the shared graphical user interface further comprises: comparing each functionality of the applications or applets with functionality of the shared graphical user interface.

27.   (Previously Presented) The shared graphical user interface of claim 7, wherein the shared graphical user interface allows access to at least one electric appliance.

28.   (Cancelled)

29.   (Previously Presented) The shared graphical user interface of claim 7, wherein the applications or applets are launched as a result of opening the applications or applets.